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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006, Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,554,611; 6,398,548,; and 6,705,863 and a provisional Terminal Disclaimer over copending Application No. 11/109,978. As the only rejections were for judicial double patenting over these commonly owned patents and application, Applicants believe that the Terminal Disclaimers overcome all rejections and request that the claims be allowed and the case passed to issue at an early date.

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If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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